

AMERICAN WHO LIVED IN GERMANY TELLS OF LONGING FOR END OF WAR

(Correspondence Associated Press.)

BERNE, Oct. 20.—There has just arrived here from Germany a naturalized American who has lived in Germany throughout the war, worked in German seaport cities, passing for or being considered a German subject, mingling not only with the common people, but having occasional access to the councils of the high.

In his opinion, Germany is suffering acutely now and dissatisfaction and worse reign in certain strata of her army and navy. Recent mutinous uprisings have had to be sternly repressed and the mutineers shot. Thoughtful Germany, he thinks, comprising men of the Puller type, is desperately anxious for peace and secretly anxious to end the war before America has been utterly alienated.

This man left Germany early in October, because he had reason to fear that he was going to be impressed for military service. The German government had refused to recognize the validity of his American naturalization since he failed to comply with the law existing in 1913 and did not seek the consent of the German government to his step. To get out he had to induce the Spanish embassy to bring pressure to bear on the German government. On reaching Switzerland one of his first steps was to seek the Associated Press correspondent, to whom he first proved satisfactorily his American citizenship, then volunteered such information as he possessed about Germany as the duty of a patriotic American citizen. Strangely enough, at the very moment he was telling his story with details about mutinies in the German navy, the German minister of marine, Admiral Von Capelle, was announcing the naval mutinies to the Reichstag.

"The economic situation in Germany," he says, "is far worse than anyone on the outside realizes. It is so critical that I for one look for a break, a collapse, next spring or late in the winter. Nor are the good crops that one hears about every once in so often going to change the situation materially."

"Throughout the German people there is what amounts to a hatred of America, and this hatred has been carefully concentrated on President Wilson, because it is easier to hate a man than a nation, especially a nation that is the home of pretty nearly everyone's relative."

"But the big men of Germany, the men who have to look ahead and

guide the empire after the war, do not hate America. They feel too keenly that they need America, and they would like to stem the tide of hate before it becomes mutual and the United States is alienated, perhaps for all time.

"They know that after the war there is only one country in the world where they can get the money they shall need—America—and they are worrying a plenty nowadays. They, and all Germany, want increasingly a peace that shall specify, among other things, the right to purchase raw as well as finished materials anywhere in the world on the same terms as any other nation."

"Every indication points to probable confiscation of property and repudiation of perhaps half the war loan totals after the war. Even the percentage of property to be confiscated is being talked of, and it seems probable that the government will take 20 per cent of everything."

"On the other hand, it seems probable from all I hear that an even half of all outstanding war loans will be nullified. The seventh will suffer exactly as the first and the first as the seventh. Fifty per cent will be repaid, and the other 50 per cent will either be cancelled or will merely continue to pay interest—will be a sort of perpetual investment, the capital for which cannot be realized."

"As surely as anything can be predicted there will be in the central powers a series of laws forbidding emigration. And in anticipation of them countless Germans today are talking about ways and means of getting away after the war. South and North America, and peculiarly enough New Zealand and Australia, are the havens to which they speak of fleeing. The first German ship that lands in America after hostilities will leave 50 per cent of its crew behind."

"It is becoming clearer and clearer to Germans every day that all the talk that has gone the rounds about a 'Central Europe' after the model of Professor Naumann and others will be out of the question."

"Contrary to the belief that seems to be almost universal outside of Germany, I really believe that pan Germanism is on the decrease rather than the increase among the masses of the people, and this despite the increased noise about it everywhere in Germany and the intensive way in which it is being encouraged. The reason for this is

that more and more the German people are coming to realize what a catastrophe it will be for them after the war is over if they are hated in all the world. Pan-Germanism, they are coming to feel, is likely to intensify the feeling against them, and thereby make their economic struggle in the future more difficult."

He then touched briefly on Austro-German relations and cautioned against any hope that Austria will fall away from her big ally, for, he explained, she is too dependent financially and militarily, to be able to shake loose, much as she might like to do so. The German military authorities see to it that German soldiers are intermingled with Austrian troops not only to spur them on in fighting, but also to prevent their quitting.

Regarding the naval and military situation, he told of mutinies aboard battleships as hinted at by Von Capelle. The men had, he said, dismounted guns and thrown them overboard, had assaulted officers and refused to obey orders. In the hope of crippling the Germany navy and bringing about a peace of desperation in that way. The mutinous forces, however, had not been large or strong enough to accomplish much, and had been put down. Most of them were shot, others in exceptional cases had been put back into service on their promise to be good.

This spirit, he continued, extended to the army also, fanned to a flame occasionally by sectional jealousy and dislike. Thus he said he knew that miniature battles had been fought between Bavarian and Prussian troops, and that certain troops on the east front had on one occasion mutinied and declared in favor of marching on Berlin rather than Petrograd. Naturally all news about these and similar clashes had been carefully suppressed and leaked out only when the soldiers returned or wrote home, in the same way that sailors in Hamburg and Kiel spread the first reports of the mutinies aboard the ships.

WILLIAM DYER, who underwent an abdominal operation yesterday at the Miners' hospital, is reported as doing very well.

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BELGIAN EXILES WILL RETURN TO COUNTRY STRIPPED OF FORESTS

(Correspondence Associated Press.)

PARIS, Oct. 20.—It will be a treeless Belgium to which the people of that unfortunate country will return, if its invaders are not driven out before they have completed their work of devastation. Factories have been despoiled of their machinery, every form of property has been requisitioned, and wooded heights of the Belgian Ardennes, which used to protect the center of the country from east winds, are rapidly being denuded, the tall alms that lined the high roads and canals have been felled, and walnut trees that adorned the gardens of the well-to-do in Brussels have not been spared.

STOCK DRIVEWAYS MEETING NOV. 20TH

Captain G. E. Hair of the land department will be in Elko, Nevada, on November 20 for the purpose of definitely determining the location of the stock driveways in Nevada with reference to the 640-acre homestead act.

Representatives of the forest service will co-operate with Mr. Hair in the selection and location of these trails or driveways and it is their desire, as well as that of Mr. Hair, that all stockmen using ranges within the state of Nevada be present to let their wants be known at this time. All stockmen should remember that this is the final settlement of the driveway question and that if they desire the withdrawal of certain lands for driveway purposes they should be at Elko on November 20 and they should be prepared to

state definitely as to just what land they desire for this purpose.

The Belgian government has been able to learn details of the work done, such as that a thousand acres have been cleared in the Hertogswald (Liege) and felling continues there, the fir plantation "Fays de Lucy," the finest in the country,

LEAGUE OF SOUTHWEST.

(By Associated Press.)

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Nov. 14.—Representatives of the civil, commercial, political and other divisions of life in the Southwest are assembling here today for the first session of a four-day convention, at which it is planned to organize a "League of the Southwest" to work for the advancement of the entire Southwest along the lines of a definite program, to be outlined at the subsequent sessions of the first convention. The governors of California, Arizona, Colorado and Utah have signified their intention to attend.

The commercial organizations of San Diego have prepared a program of entertainment to be enjoyed in the periods between business sessions, and the conferences are expected, according to these sponsors, to result in cementing state and neighborhood relations.

has been completely razed, and the magnificent forest of Soignes, south of Brussels, is rapidly disappearing. These are only examples of dozens of similar cases which are known and to this devastation must be added the consumption of wood by the native population which for three years has been unable to import any and has had to use quantities instead of coal.

Serious consequences from every point of view, health, climatic and hydrographic, are expected from this widespread destruction of woods and forests, if it continues another year or two.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SERVE LUNCHEON

Tomorrow noon the domestic science class girls of the high school will cook and serve luncheon to the freshmen and juniors. Proceeds will go towards paying for the Liberty Bond taken by the school. In the evening a box party will be held in the gymnasium, a feature of the affair to be the bidding for the box lunches. Money realized will go towards cancelling the debt of the student body. At noon today the domestic science girls served luncheon to the sophomores and seniors.

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(By Associated Press.)
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